



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, August 26, 2024

Pre-Council Meeting
6:30 PM
Admin Conference Room
A. Max Bacon City Hall

Monday, August 26, 2024

Mayor and Council Meeting
7:00 PM
Council Chambers
A. Max Bacon City Hall

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

License and Variance Board
10:00 AM
Council Chambers
A. Max Bacon City Hall

ADMINISTRATION



Smyrna Youth Council Applications: There are only a few days left to apply to the 2024-2025 Smyrna Youth Council! Applications will close on Friday, August 23. The Youth Council program is for high school students who are interested in learning about local government and gaining valuable leadership skills. For more information and to apply, [click here](#).

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Firearms Training: The Smyrna Police Department held two days of firearms training at the Paulding County range. This training ensures our officers are ready to handle different challenges safely and effectively, and that they are always prepared to protect and serve the City of Smyrna.



Weekly Police Totals
Arrests: 24
Citations: 160
Warnings: 40
Calls for Service: 688



COURT SERVICES



Court on 8/13
Cases: 73
Failures to Appear: 14
Pre-Trials: 15
DUIs Completed: 3

Trials on 8/15
Cases: 73
Failures to Appear: 12
Pre-Trials: 20
DUIs Completed: 2

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Weekly Visitors

Library: 4,187

Museum: 19

Oreo Testers: On Tuesday, August 13, library tweens put 8 kinds of Oreos to the test! After much consideration and valiant attempts to move Oreos from their foreheads to their mouths with no hands, the Mint Oreo was crowned the winner!



Blinging the Library: Library staff and customers are excited about the new architectural lighting installed at the Library, Community Center, and City Hall. Everyone is looking forward to seeing the new lights in action!

Cookbook Author Visits Smyrna: The Friends of Smyrna Library (FOSL) hosted cookbook author and vegetarian blogger Michelle Braxton on Sunday, August 18, at the Reed House. The event was free to attend, underwritten by FOSL and a grant from the Georgia Friends of Libraries. Mary Moore led Ms. Braxton in a discussion of her cooking style, the evolution of her blog, and the process of writing a cookbook. Following the discussion, Ms. Braxton demonstrated two recipes, signed books, and distributed door prizes. FOSL plans to make "August with Authors" an annual event. Special thanks to Parks and Recreation for helping with the setup and cleanup of the event.



LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



New Museum Acquisition: A recent museum acquisition was picked up at a local estate sale. This welcome booklet was given to Smyrna newcomers in the 1960s. It has advertisements for local businesses and churches, and pages to record personal info such as birthdays, banking and insurance info, savings bonds, and securities. A large section is devoted to addresses and phone numbers for "Our Old and New Friends." It's a throwback to the days when everyone had an address book or rolodex next to the home phone and the local paper would print the names of those who had recently moved to Smyrna.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Community Cleanup: On Saturday, six Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers cleaned up 90 pounds of litter, including 15 pounds of recyclable material, on South Cobb Drive during a community cleanup. Community cleanups take place two or three times a month on Smyrna roadways and help keep our waterways and streets clean and beautiful. [Learn more about volunteering on our website.](#)

Seeking Gardens for the 2025 Garden Tour: Do you have a beautiful Smyrna garden to share or know someone who does? Keep Smyrna Beautiful is still seeking gardens for next year's tour! [Learn more about the tour and find the online application here.](#)

Apply to be on
next year's
**Smyrna
Garden Tour**

May 2025



Apply at keepsmyrnabeautiful.com/garden-tour

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Back-to-School Recycling Tip: To kick off the back-to-school season, Keep Smyrna Beautiful will be sharing some school-focused recycling tips and reminders. Today we're talking about lunches and plastic. School lunches have many recyclable plastic components from plastic #1 water bottles to plastic films and wrappers, which can be placed in orange Hefty ReNew bags. Plastic #1 and Hefty ReNew bags can be dropped off at the [Smyrna Recycling Center](#). Make a plan with your child for how they're going to dispose of their lunch materials, whether it's through an onsite recycling program or by repacking those materials in their lunch bags and recycling them at home. [Learn more about materials the center accepts on our website.](#)



Student Involvement Fair: Last week, Keep Smyrna Beautiful board and staff tabled at Kennesaw State University's Extreme Student Involvement Fair at their Marietta campus on August 14 and their Kennesaw campus on August 15. Almost 100 students stopped by to learn about volunteer and community engagement opportunities with Keep Smyrna Beautiful. We can't wait to see them out volunteering!

Recycling Center: This past week, the Smyrna Recycling Center shipped out 5,926 pounds of electronics to be recycled, 300 pounds of clothes donations to the Kidney Fund, and 58 pounds of hard-to-recycle plastics.

Monthly Recycling Center Tour: The August tour of the Smyrna Recycling Center took place last Friday. Three residents learned everything there is to know about bringing materials to the center, where they go afterward, and what they become in their next life. The Smyrna Recycling Center offers free monthly tours from 9:00-10:00 AM on the third Friday of every month. The next tour will be on Friday, September 20. [Sign up for an upcoming tour here.](#)



FIRE DEPARTMENT



Weekly Fire Totals	
Fire:	4
Medical:	98
Other:	55
Total:	157

Future Firefighter Program Completed: The Smyrna Fire Department hosted and completed its Future Firefighter Program. The program focuses on the Smyrna Fire Department's culture, basic competencies, and professionalism.



Smyrna Fire "Casting for a Cure" On 106.3: Smyrna Public Safety Foundation (SPSF) Executive Director Denise Czarnik, SPSF Chair Paul Powers, and Smyrna Fire Chief Marcos were featured on News Talk Xtra 106.3 where they discussed SPSF and the upcoming Hotrods and Heroes Car Show & Battle of the Badges softball game. They also discussed opportunities to help support a Smyrna Fire Department Lieutenant in the midst of a cancer battle.

WATER DISTRIBUTION

The City of Smyrna Water/Sewer and Utilities office is committed to its fundamental objective:

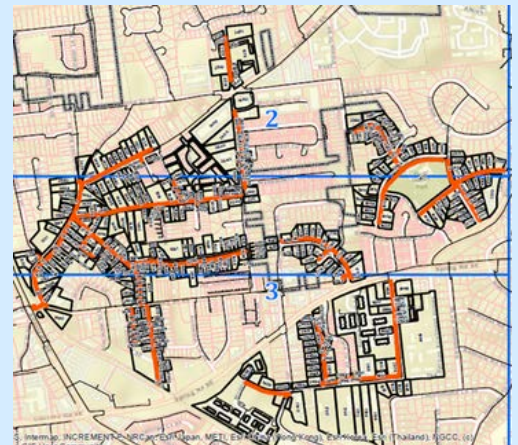
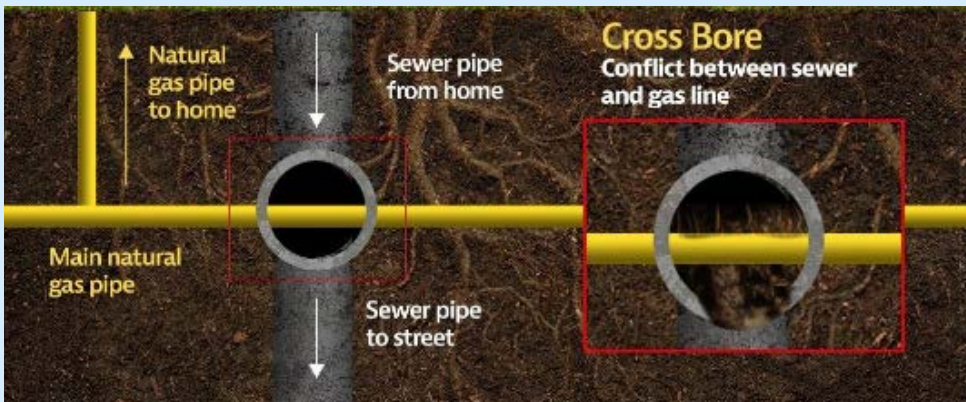
- To provide our citizens with a water supply and system of the highest quality, which includes wastewater collection
- Protect the system by meeting or exceeding all regulatory requirements in an environmentally sound manner
- Ensure the city's needs are met

Work Orders

- Water Main Breaks: 0
- Sewer Backups: 8
- Water Service Leaks: 3
- Resolved Work Orders: 45

Water Line Replacement Projects: Various water line replacements are happening around the city. Contractors complete these projects as part of the ongoing thirty-year water line replacement program. Staff members select lines based on criteria such as age, size, and pipe material. Current projects include:

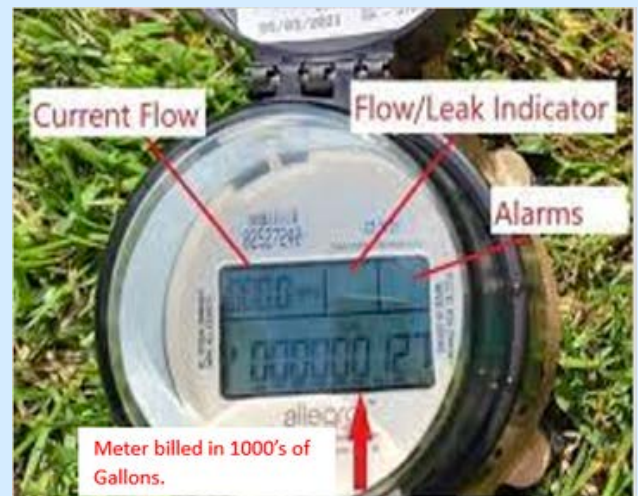
- Creatwood Trail: The final punch list is being completed on this project
- Spring Drive: Final landscaping is being completed on this project
- South Cobb Drive: Final landscaping is being completed on this project
- King Springs Road: This project is now complete



Atlanta Gas Light Cross Bore Project: Atlanta Gas Light is inspecting sewer lines in Wards 2 and 3. The purpose of this project is to inspect sewer mains and laterals to ensure no gas lines are going through our sewer system. So far, four cross bores have been found and repaired.

Crossed gas and sewer lines become a concern if a plumber or resident tries to fix a clogged pipe using a mechanical rotary device and puncture the gas pipeline.

Meter Knowledge: Do you understand your allegro water meter? Current flow, flow/leak indicator, alarms, and gallons billed can be found on your water meter. See the image on the right for further details.



HUMAN RESOURCES



Ethan Robinson
Part Time Community Center Attendant
Parks and Recreation
Hired: 8/19

**≡ Welcome ≡
to Smyrna!**

PARKS AND RECREATION

Parents Night Out

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Sept.

20

5pm-8pm



Parents Night Out: Have your kids join us on September 20 for a fall-themed Parents Night Out event! Participants will decorate their own mini pumpkins, create adorable scarecrow crafts, and enjoy delicious jack-o-lantern quesadillas for dinner. To end the night, they'll watch a kid-friendly fall classic movie. This event is for children ages 4-12. The cost is \$30 per child and space will be limited. Participants must be potty trained. Space is limited, so register today!

Fall Break Camp: Let your child's creativity run free at "Camp Doodle the Day Away," Parks and Recreation's fall break arts and crafts camp. Camp will take place on September 23-27, from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, in the Dayroom at Tolleson Park. This camp is open to children ages 5-12 years old and is \$100 per camper. [Register your young artist here.](#)

FALL BREAK CAMP
Arts & Crafts
Sept. 23th - 27th | 9am - 12pm
Tolleson Park Day Room

At Camp Doodle the Day Away, young artists will explore new mediums and techniques, taking home unique masterpieces and newfound artistic confidence!

The cost is \$100 per Camper, Ages 5 - 12
Register at smyrnaga.gov today!

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Photography Clinic: Our highly rated four-week photography clinic is returning. This beginner friendly clinic is perfect for those who are just starting their photography journey or those who want to refresh their skills. Classes are held on Thursdays and start on September 5. The class costs \$60 per person.

PHOTOGRAPHY *Class*

Sept. 5th – Sept. 26th | 6:30PM – 8PM
Smyrna Community Center: Jonquil Room

Master your camera and become a pro!

Learn how to use your camera (Point and Shoot, DSLR or Mirrorless) and improve your photography skills. These courses are perfect for beginners or anyone needing a refresher course!

The cost is \$60 per person.

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REGISTER NOW



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MKS PERFORMING ARTS

SING | ACT | AUDITION

BROADWAY BOUND AFTER-SCHOOL CLASSES



MKS PERFORMING ARTS

SING | ACT | AUDITION

**FALL 2024
ADULT CLASSES**

Calling all Actors, Singers
and Musicians!

CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 9, 2024



Invest in your passion.

Build your skills as an artist.

Network with other artists in your industry.

All skill sets and experience levels welcome!

Performing Arts for Youth and Adults: Parks and Recreation is teaming up with Michael Karl Studios to bring theater classes to the community. For adult participants, there are four different 6-week classes available to choose from for a cost of \$175.

For interested youth, after-school programs will be held on Monday of each week from 3:30-6:30 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. Participants will learn how to sing louder, act bravely, and move confidently onstage. This is a semester-long program for a cost of \$299. Each month will end with a showcase where students will perform what they've learned.

For more information and to register, visit our [website](#).

PARKS AND RECREATION

**FAMILY FUN
GLOW NIGHT
PAINT & SIP**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 23RD 6PM - 8PM
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER
\$30 PER PERSON, AGES 2+**

REFRESHMENTS AND SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED

REGISTER TODAY AT SMYRNAGA.GOV

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Family Fun Glow Night Paint & Sip:

Join Parks and Recreation for a glow-in-the-dark family paint and sip experience where masterpieces come to life under UV lights! This event will take place on Friday, August 23 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. All paint supplies and refreshments will be provided. The cost is \$30 per person for ages 2+. Please note that all paint & sips are self-guided, so there is no pressure to make the perfect picture. Creativity comes from within!

Date Night Paint & Sip: Come enjoy a creative date night with your significant other at our couple's paint and sip! Embrace the vibrant fall hues and paint fall-themed masterpieces with one another on Friday, September 6 from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center. Enjoy delicious drinks and light refreshments while you mingle with other couples from our community. This is the perfect opportunity to relax, have fun, and explore your artistic side with someone special. Please note that both participants must register. The cost is \$45 per person ages 16+. For those over 21, we will be serving alcoholic beverages.

Smyrna Parks and Recreation

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**Date Night
Paint & Sip**

September 6th | 6PM - 8PM
Smyrna Community Center
\$45 Per Person, Ages 16+

Relax, have fun, and paint fall-themed masterpieces with someone special. For those over 21 and up, we will be serving alcoholic beverages.

Register today at smyrnaga.gov

PARKS AND RECREATION

**EVENTO GRATIS!
FREE EVENT**

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SMYRNA GEORGIA

Hispanic Heritage CELEBRATION

2:00PM - 6:00PM
**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER
21**

VILLAGE GREEN PARK

COME AND ENJOY HISPANIC CULTURE!

LIVE MUSIC 6:30PM - 8:30PM!
LOCAL VENDORS AND FOOD VENDORS!
TRADITIONAL PERFORMANCES!
MOVIE IN THE PARK: BLUE BEETLE

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Hispanic Heritage Celebration: Join us in downtown Smyrna on September 21 from 2:00-6:00 PM for the annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration! This event will kick off Hispanic Heritage Month with a DJ, flamenco dancers, Mexican ballet performances, children's activities, and a movie featuring Blue Beetle on the Veterans Memorial Lawn at 6:00 PM. Following the celebration, we will have a concert featuring Arena Sound, a popular Latin American band from the metro Atlanta area. Both events are free, and everyone is welcome.

Kids Smyrna Market: Smyrna Parks and Recreation will be hosting a Kids Homemade Market on Saturday, November 16. We are looking for young entrepreneurs, ages 5 to 15 years old, who want to unleash their creativity and turn their passion into profit! This market is an opportunity to sell handmade crafts, tasty treats, and amazing creations. Whether it's art, crafts, or baked goods, we want to see what you can do! This market is a great way to make new friends, meet other young creators, share ideas, learn valuable skills, and get hands-on experience in selling and running your own booth. [Click here for the application.](#)



Smyrna Market: Come on down and enjoy a variety of vendors every Sunday from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM in the Smyrna Market Village. Each week, vendors bring in fresh, new products for everyone to enjoy, including fresh-cut flowers, delicious handmade pastries, fresh juices, amazing art pieces and so much more. Drop in on Sunday and find that special item for yourself and your family.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly Inspections:

217 Inspections

89 Sites

Total Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$2,807,664.56

Commercial (7)

(5) Interior Renovation

- Cortland at the Village x2 Units (2097 Lake Park Dr)
- Heely Brown (4800 Highlands Pkwy)
- Whip Lash Salon (1687 Roswell St)
- Talk About Therapy (3200 Highlands Pkwy STE 150)

(2) Roof Replacements/Re-roof

- WM Atlanta (5353 Oakdale Rd SE)
- Publix (4480 S Cobb Dr SE)

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$669,450.00

Building Remodel/Residential (17)

(1) Accessory Structure

(2) Addition

(4) Interior Renovation

(7) New Construction

(3) Roof Replacements/Re-roof

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$2,118,214.56

Demolition (1)

(1) Land Disturbance

- Residential

Estimated Cost of Construction:

\$20,000.00

Electrical (3) Sign (2) HVAC (3) Tree (7) Plumbing (2)

New Businesses

American Commercial Roofing, Inc.

Roofing Contractors

Home Business

Ward 1

Maison Parfaite

Residential Property Managers

Home Business

Ward 1

Team Rehabilitation GA26

Offices of Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapists

2790 Cumberland Boulevard

Ward 1

Toponas Western Brand

Internet Retail Sales Sites

Home Business

Ward 4

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